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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2018-0744; Airspace Docket No. 18-ASO-14]**

**RIN 2120-AA66**

**Establishment of Class E Airspace, and Amendment of Class D Airspace and Class E Airspace; Dothan, AL**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E surface airspace at Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, AL. The Class E surface airspace is established for the safety of aircraft landing and departing the airport when the air traffic control tower is closed. Also, this action amends Class D airspace by updating the airport's name and geographic coordinates, as well as replacing the outdated term 'Airport/Facility Directory' with 'Chart Supplement'. Additionally, the geographic coordinates of the airport and Wiregrass VORTAC are adjusted in the associated Class E airspace to match the FAA's aeronautical database; as well as removing the part-time status of the airspace for Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at this airport.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, January 3, 2019. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed on line at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11C at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in

more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes Class E surface airspace and amends Class D airspace and Class E airspace at Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, AL, to support IFR operations at this airport.

### **History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** (83 FR 47581, September 20, 2018) for Docket No. FAA-2018-0744 to establish Class E surface airspace, and amend Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, AL. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and Class E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively of FAA Order 7400.11C dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class D and Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, and effective September 15, 2018. FAA Order 7400.11C is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11C lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

## **The Rule**

This amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71:

Amends Class D airspace at Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, AL by recognizing the airport name change to Dothan Regional Airport (formerly Dothan Airport), and adjusting the geographic coordinates of the airport to be in concert with the FAA's aeronautical database. Also, this action makes an editorial change replacing the term "Airport/Facility Directory" with the term "Chart Supplement" in the airspace legal description;

Establishes Class E surface area airspace within a 4.7-mile radius of Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, AL, for the safety of aircraft landing and departing the airport after the air traffic control tower closes;

Amends Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area by adjusting the geographic coordinates of the airport and the Wiregrass VORTAC to be in concert with the FAA's aeronautical database. In addition, the part-time status is removed from this airspace description, as the airspace is continuously active; and

Amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Dothan Regional Airport, Dothan, AL, by adjusting the geographic coordinates of the airport and the Wiregrass VORTAC to be in concert with the FAA's aeronautical database, and by recognizing the airport name change to Dothan Regional Airport (formerly Dothan Airport).

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant

environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

## **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

## **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11C, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 13, 2018, effective September 15, 2018, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace.

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#### **ASO AL D Dothan, AL [Amended]**

Dothan Regional Airport, AL  
(lat. 31°19'16"N., long. 85°26'58"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,900 feet MSL within a 4.7-mile radius of Dothan Regional Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6002. Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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**ASO AL E2 Dothan, AL [New]**

Dothan Regional Airport, AL

(lat. 31°19'16"N., long. 85°26'58"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.7-mile radius of Dothan Regional Airport. This Class E surface airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6004 Class E Airspace Designated as an Extension to a Class D Surface Area.

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**ASO AL E4 Dothan, AL [Amended]**

Dothan Regional Airport, AL

(lat. 31°19'16"N., long. 85°26'58"W.)

Wiregrass VORTAC

(lat. 31°17'05"N., long. 85°25'52"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 3.2 miles each side of the Wiregrass VORTAC 156° radial, extending from the 4.7-mile radius of Dothan Regional Airport to 7-miles southeast of the VORTAC.

Paragraph 6005. Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ASO AL E5 Dothan, AL [Amended]**

Dothan Regional Airport, AL

(lat. 31°19'16"N., long. 85°26'58"W.)

Wiregrass VORTAC

(lat. 31°17'05"N., long. 85°25'52"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of Dothan Regional Airport within 3.2 miles each side of Wiregrass VORTAC 156° radial, extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 7 miles SE of the VORTAC excluding that airspace within the Fort Rucker, AL, Class E airspace area.

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